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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: UK ORDER ON CARGO RATES

REF: (A) STYLES/CLAPPIN TELECON 1/10/77

(B) LONDON 20634, 12/22/76

(C) LONDON 20672, 12/23/76

1. TEXT OF /UK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ORDER TO BRITISH  
AIRWAYS RE CONTRACT AND COMMODITY CARGO RATES (REFS)  
FOLLOWS:

DECEMBER 22, 1976

SECRETARY

OVERSEAS DIVISION

BRITISH AIRWAYS

HEATHROW AIRPORT

DEAR SIR:

RE: BRITISH AIRWAYS FILING FOR U.K. TO //S. CARGO RATES

ON DECEMBER 10, 1976, DURING FORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN  
GOVERNMENTS OF THE U.K. AND U.S.A. UNDER TERMS OF THE  
BERMUDA AGREEMENT, THE U.K. REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED  
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CONCERN AT THE PROLONGED DELAYS BY THE U.S. AUTHORITIES  
IN THE HANDLING OF BRITISH AIRWAYS FILINGS FOR THE ABOVE  
RATES WHICH HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE /U.K. OVER FOUR MONTHS  
PREVIOUSLY. SINCE THERE WAS NO APPARENT CHANGE IN THE  
AMERICAN ATTITUDE, THE U.K. STATED FORMALLY THAT BRITISH  
AIRWAYS WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO IMPLEMENT THE RATES FILED.  
THIS STATEMENT WAS CONFIRMED BY MR. G. T. ROGERS, OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, IN HIS LETTER DATED DECEMBER 16,  
1976, TO MR. W. P. CLAPPIN, CIVIL AIR ATTACHE AT THE U.S.  
EMBASSY IN LONDON.

THEREFORE, I AM DIRECTED TO REFER TO IATA RESOLUTION  
200(G) AND TO REQUIRE YOUR CORPORATION TO APPLY FORTHWITH  
THE ABOVE COMMODITY RATES (EXCLUDING CANADA) FILED UNDER  
COVER OF YOUR LETTER OF JULY 2, 1976, AND APPROVED BY THE  
AUTHORITY BY LETTER DATED JULY 15, 1976, AND THE CONTRACT  
RATES FILED UNDER COVER OF YOUR LETTER OF JULY 29, 1976,  
AND APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY BY LETTER DATED AUGUST 12,  
1976. (THE CAA OFFICIAL RECORD, SERIES 2, NUMBER 227  
DATED AUGUST 10, 1976, AND NUMBER 229 DATED AUGUST 24,  
1976, TOGETHER WITH THE DRAFT CONTRACT (COPIES ATTACHED)  
REFER.)

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

J. D. BUSWELL

2. TEXT OF BRITISH AIRWAYS PRESS RELEASE GIVEN TO PRESS  
JAN. 4 ON NEW CARGO RATES FOLLOWS:

BRITISH AIRWAYS CARGO HAS NOW LAUNCHED ITS LOW UK/USA  
COMMODITY AND CONTRACT RATES. THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY  
TO SO DO WAS GIVEN IN A DIRECTIVE ISSUED BY THE CIVIL  
AVIATION AUTHORITY ON DECEMBER 22ND 1976.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED THE INSTITUTE OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS AND THE BRITISH SHIPPERS COUNCIL THAT NEW RATES WERE APPLICABLE AS FROM THAT DATE. BRITISH AIRWAYS ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW RATES WILL GREATLY BENEFIT UK EXPORTERS.

GERRY WHITBY, THE AIRLINES CARGO GENERAL MANAGER, SAID QUOTE WE EXPECT A STEADY INCREASE IN THE TRAFFIC TO THE USA AS THE SHIPPER BECOMES AWARE OF THE LOWER RATES AND SWITCHES FROM THE TRADITIONAL SEA ROUTES TO AIR TRANSPORT UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: ROGERS' LETTER OF 16 DEC. MENTIONED IN CAA ORDER WAS SENT TO DEPT. (REF. (B)). THAT LETTER SAID BA HAD ALREADY BEEN AUTHORIZED TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW RATES. HOWEVER, CAA ORDER ISSUED ONLY 6 DAYS AFTER ROGERS LETTER. THIS INCONSISTENCY MAY BE EXPLAINED BY BONNEY'S STATEMENT REPORTED PARA (2), REF. (C). A CHECK WITH /US CARRIERS HERE SHOWS THAT TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE BA NOT YET OPERATING NEW RATES. IT APPEARS BA MAY, IN FACT, BE ENCOUNTERING SOME RELUCTANCE ON PART OF SHIPPERS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGN CONTRACTS FOR NEW RATES IN VIEW OF US/UK CONTROVERSY OVER RATES AND EXISTENCE OF US SUSPENSION ORDER ON BA'S DECEMBER FILING OF THEM.

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